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Attorney Docket No. 065691-0208

Applicant: Albert Amson *et al.*

Title: GENES INVOLVED IN THE MOLECULAR PATHWAYS OF TUMOR SUPPRESSION AND/OR RESISTANCE TO VIRUSES

Application No.: 09/762,249

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Examiner: Ram R. Shukla

Art Unit: 1632

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated May 8, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application. As indicated in the Office Action Summary, the shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire three months from the mailing date of the communications. By the attached Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and check covering the requisite fee, Applicants have extended the date for response to September 8, 2002. While Applicants believe that no additional fee is required, if this belief is in error, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit No. 19-0741.

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-25, without prejudice or disclaimer, and kindly add the following new claims:

26. (New) An isolated DNA molecule encoding TSAP 9, said isolated DNA molecule consisting of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, wherein the expression of said TSAP 9 is induced during apoptosis or tumor suppression.

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